

Orders, conceived and approved by the Committee for the Militia of the County of Middlesex, without the Lines of Communication, Directing the severall Commanders and Officers, &c. in some particulars of consequence, for the better Regulating of the Regiments to be Exercised and Trained for service and defence of the said County, &c.

- I. **T**hat the Colonels give order to their Captains, to send the Clerks of each Band unto the Churchwardens, &c. of every Parish within their limits, to take from thence a true copy of their Lists of able and fit bodies to bare Arms; adding to each Name their qualities and professions, according to their severall descriptions on the said Parish-List of Resiants from Moneth to Moneth, with the number of Arms subscribed and furnished by any of them for the service of the County.
- II. That the severall Colonels, attended by the Captain and Clerk of each Band, with some of the Committee-men of each quarter, do forthwith rectifie and order both the number and persons, to be Registered under the command of every Captain.
- III. That the Regiments and Companies be from time to time drawn forth and Exercised, according to the Commissions of the Colonels and their Captains, in readinesse for command of higher Authority.
- IV. That since the Constitution of the said Bands are in speciall consideration for the defence of each others persons and estates within the County, and not to be drawn out thereof, but upon reciprocall consideration with other Counties, for the more generall good, as may arise from the care and judgement of higher powers and Authority, unto which all persons, and every County must yield ready obedience. The said Colonels, Captains and Officers, in their faithfull care and diligent prosecution of their Martiall Discipline, shall neverthelesse have regard, That the severall listed Souldiers be from time to time, rather helped (as far as may consist with their Martiall duties) then hindred in the due prosecution of their severall Vocations, and providence, for their livelyhoods and estates.
- V. That as often as any one or more of the said Bands and Regiments, shall be drawn forth for Exercise or Employment, within the County, the Committees of every respective Division or Limit, shall have warning, and notice before hand, of the times and places of Exercise or Employment, where they may be to observe, the hopefull encouragement and duty of Officers and Souldiers.
- VI. That on the dayes of Exercise, as well as at other occasionall opportunities, The Commanders and Officers shall inform, and inculcate amongst the Souldiers, the happy consequence of their Constitution, whereby their persons, estates, and goods, are in more security then in former times: And that the Exercise or Discipline, adding confidence to their Courage, will breed delight in their Employment, and by frequent conversation and joyning in affection to publike good, will increase love and kindnesse between Neighbours, pleasing to God, and delightfull to all good men, or what else of this nature may arise from their own conceptions, which may invite or draw on such a love or liking to this Warlike, Manlike Exercise, as may hereafter exclude worle or more impertinent expence of time.
- II. That whilst Souldiers are in the field, either Exercising or preparing towards their Rendezvous, no one of them (nor any other) may presume to break, or in any kinde to interrupt the due Silence, in attending the words of Command, as specially by any bold assertions of Exception, nor by any pretence of Proposition, before leave obtained from the chief Commander on the place, and that he be pleased to cause Silence proclaimed for that purpose (in case the businesse will not attend another time:) But for those complaints which they may otherwise possibly have cause to make, they must take other time and place to addresse themselves to the next superiour Officers. And in case of hard hand, or slighting by them, their appeal lies fair and justly higher, as to the Colonnell or Deputy Lieutenants. The Committee-men being ingaged (in their trust) to assist the preferring of the same at the first fitting opportunitie, and the Secretary for the Regiment to sollicite on the appealants behalf, whilst in the mean time (as alwayes) the said Committee-men are to receive respect from Officers and Souldiers, equall with their Captains, especially whensoever they come to view or superintend the Musters or Exercise.
- VIII. That the severall Captains and Committee-men, within or neer the Limits of each Company, with the approbation of the Colonnell, do select and place in chief within their List, the prime men that serve with their own Arms, and having also found others for their Neighbours. And in the next degree, those that onely finde and wear their own Arms in the field: And next, those most recommended for their good and faithfull neighbourly condition: And lastly, those that shall be any wayes thought fit for the Service, of whom there may be best hope of their due application.
- IX. That however the prescription is, that onely Housholders should be Listed on these Trained Bands (the Garrison of this County) yet it may be allowed, that every Subscriber and Furnisher of more then two compleated Arms, shall (if he desire it) have his Meniall servant (or Retainer, for whom he will be responsible, though no Housholder) to serve with one or more Arms, above the said number of two; which priviledge is also allowed to the Colonels and Captains for any, or the whole number of compleated Arms they have provided, or may subscribe and furnish: being expected, that such Menials or Retainers, shall be persons of so fair carriage and demeanor, as may make them worthy of being accounted Gentlemen of the Company.
- X. That for the bettering of Conversation, and that good Example, which may be contracted and drawn from the meerings at publike Exercises, and to advance the reproof and punishment of drunkards, swearers, and other persons of disturbance. The Martiall of each Company shall be assisted in the field, by the Petty Constables or Headburroughs, who in number convenient, and of each Captains Limits by turns, shall be summoned with the Souldiers, to attend the dayes of Exercise, &c. as aforesaid, for the better Ordering of the by-standers or lookers on: and shall attach the bodies of all drunkards and swearers in sight, or hearing, or that shall be appeached duly, to be exposed to such Iustice, as by the Law of the Land is ordained. But if the offender be a Listed Souldier, or Officer: The Martiall shall cease him in Guard, till he have received punishment or acquittall, at the discretion and direction of the Captain or chief Commander in the field; which neverthelesse, must not exempt him from the Legall punishment due to all such offenders. And if the said Captain or chief Commander in the field, finde cause of further punishment on any Officer or Souldiers, then determined before the Colours going off from the field, the offender shall be charged by the Martiall, into the custody of the next Constable or Headburrough, to be carried with his accusation before the next Iustice of the Peace, to be proceeded against or acquitted, as in justice may be requisite: But if the offence of any Officer or Souldier, be tending to mutiny, or of that kinde which may wholy concern the Power, Command, Obedience, and Diligence, in the Martiall way. The offender shall still be detained, to be delivered over within twenty four hours or lesse time, into the custodie of the chief Martiall of the Regiment, who shall be answerable for his forth coming at the appointment of the Deputy Lieutenants, Colonnell, and Committee for the Militia, to be proceeded withall in such manner, as may be thought most expedient and just in the case. The Martials Fees, both of the Regiments and Companies, to be appointed or allowed by the Colonels and Captains, till farther direction in that particular.
- XI. That whatsoever may further arise upon ordinary or emergent occasions, either on the usuall dayes of Exercise, or upon drawing out the Regiments to the confines of the County, or farther from their Limits, is left to the Colonels and their Captains, to be determined under the Rules of War, and Martiall Discipline.
- XII. That as it may be, resumed and so ordered, That no Licenced Victualler do finde lesse then one compleat Arms towards the Service, for his part (valued by, or in his recognizance:) So shall it belong to some of them, to be selected by the Captain of each Limits, and authorized by Warrant under his hand and Seal, as Sutler, or Provider, for necessary wholesome Bread, Drink, or other convenient Victuals, to be uttered in the fields, principally to furnish those Souldiers for their Moneys, who cannot without breach of duty, go from their Colours. The said Sutlers or Providers, undertaking and contracting for the wholesomenesse of their Victuall, and to give Measure and Weight according to the Law at reasonable Rates: And in default therein to abide the censure of the Committee for the Militia. And if any others shall presume to vent and set to sale, any kinde of Victuall whatsoever, without admission of and under the said Sutler and Provider, who is undertaker in the Service, as aforesaid, He shall be informed against by the Martiall of the Company, unto the Committee of the Militia, to be proceeded withall, as they shall conceive most expedient and just.
- XIII. Lastly, That considering the whole Constitution and Charge, proceeds from the most generall good affections and estates of the County, through providence of the Deputy Lieutenants, and Committee, selected and appointed by Ordinance of Parliament. And since thereby the said County with the Lines, &c. have had interest or reasonable satisfaction in the choice, or recommendation of their Commanders and Officers amongst themselves: and whilst all Levies, that shall be had for any allowance or provision of Pay or Ammunition, a benefit still reverts on themselves with the generall good; and that even the Trophies and Accomplishments of the said Commanders and Officers, are defrayed by the County; whereby all and every one from the highest to the lowest, have the more obligation to perform their parts of Service in faithfull Command and most due Obedience. Let no man grudge or stand upon vain Puntilioes in any case, since in the most Christian generous occasions, whosoever sets his hand or shoulder to the work affectionately as he ought. His honour in proportion may be accompted as great, who moves regularly at the lowest Wheel or Nick, as his that stands or works at the highest of all Motion or Transaction for Publike good: which may seem to conclude, That all Commands in this way, are as of the whole Committee for the Militia, authorized by Ordinance of Parliament: Wherein every mans unfaithfulnesse, disobedience, or neglect, must be accounted in proportion as against the State, and wished happinesse of the Kingdom.